

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers. Furthermore, as a senior citizen, on a limited income without Social Security or Medicare, I would be hard pressed to pay this additional fee. I have a tracfone, which means I purchase units before I use them. This way I keep my phone costs to a minimum. If everything keeps escalating, I may be forced to do without a land line phone and only use this wireless.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.  
cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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